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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA- CHINA'S VIEW REGARDING UNGA PLENARY CONSIDERATI
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OF KOREAN ITEM

REF: A. USUN 5573 (NOTAL); B. USUN 5500

1. AT THE SUGGESTION OF NEW ZEALAND'S PERMREP TEMPLETON (CORE GROUP), SINGAPORE'S PERMREP KOH HAS ASKED CHINA'S PERMREP HUAN HUA ABOUT REPORTED CHINESE INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE UNGA PLENARY MIGHT SIMPLY ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE ONE REPORT ON KOREA WITHOUT VOTING ON THE TWO KOREAN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE ONE.

2. HUANG HUA CONFIRMED TO KOH THAT CHINA WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS PROCEDURE, BUT HUANG HUA MADE CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT THIS MUST INCORPORATE FORMAL ACCEPTANCE BY THE UNGA OF THE TWO RESOLUTIONS.

3. HUAN HUA REPORTEDLY DID NOT OFFER KOH ANY RATIONALE FOR THIS POSITION. IT SEEMS LIKELY, THOUGH, THAT THE NORTH KOREANS
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WANT TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE SLIPPAGE IN THE FAVORABLE VOTE

THEIR RESOLUTION GOT IN COMMITTEE ONE. IN THIS CASE, THEY MAY CONSIDER "DISCRETION THE BETTER PART OF VALOR." FURTHERMORE, NORTH KOREAN EAGERNESS TO GET THEIR RESOLUTION FORMALLY ON THE UN'S BOOKS SEEMS EVIDENT IN THEIR SIDE'S PRESSURE FOR VERY EARLY PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF THE KOREAN ITEM. SIMILARLY, WE HAVE REPORTS THAT THE CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS ARE ADAMANT IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF DECIDING THE KOREAN QUESTION TO BE AN "IMPORTANT ONE" UNDER ARTICLE 18 (2) OF THE CHARTER. FRIENDLY SOURCES IN THE SECRETARIAT TELL US THAT UNGA PRESIDENT THORN COULD WELL RULE THE RESOLUTIONS TO BE "IMPORTANT QUESTIONS", SINCE THEY INCLUDE "RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY."

4. AS REPORTED SEPTEL (NOTAL) THE SECRETARIAT IS RESISTING HOSTILE PRESSURES FOR VERY EARLY CONSIDERATION IN PLENARY OF THE KOREAN ITEM. THE SECRETARIAT CONSIDERS NOVEMBER 18 AS A LIKELY DATE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE KOREAN ITEM.

5. WE ARE DOING AN IN-HOUSE VOTE COUNT ON THE POSSIBLE SUCCESS OF A HOSTILE CHALLENGE TO A THORN RULING THAT THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION REQUIRES 2/3 FOR ADOPTION. WE ARE ALSO REVIEWING THE WORST CREDIBLE POSSIBILITY THAT A THORN RULING MIGHT RESULT IN A REQUIREMENT OF 2/3 FOR ADOPTION OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BUT MIGHT BE OVERTURNED AS TO THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.
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